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MINUTES
DD/S STAFF MEETING
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2. Classification/Declassification -- Mr. Coffey.

a. We are not yet in a position to fully implement Executive Order 11652 which became effective on 1 June 1972. The draft regulation (HN [Redacted]) is in the "final wording process."

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b. In advance of the regulation, a Headquarters Notice will be published identifying those positions in the Agency delegated authority to classify information or material Top Secret. Certain positive actions will have to be taken. Officials who have been delegated authority to originally classify information or material Top Secret are responsible for delegating to their subordinates in writing the authority to classify information or material at the Secret and Confidential level. Officials who have been delegated authority to originally classify information or material Secret are responsible for delegating to their subordinates in writing the authority to classify information at the Confidential level.

c. E.O. 11652 may be a 'bind for all of us.' The Agency took consistent and repeated action in the White House-chaired committee to get the rules adjusted to make sense for this Agency. Some of our suggested adjustments were accepted. Some were not accepted.

d. Despite any "serious binds" the Agency sees in the E.O., the President's decisions reflected in E.O. 11652 evidence his determination to make more information available to the public -- earlier.

e. The E.O. does recognize that the protection of intelligence sources and methods does warrant exceptional actions by the responsible agency head.

f. [Redacted] said that HN [Redacted] Classification of National Security Information and Material, should be distributed today. A list of the positions and the names of the people occupying such positions given authority to classify at the Secret and/or Confidential levels will be required. We do not plan to give

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the list of names to the Inter-Agency Review Committee, but we have to be able to prove to the Committee that such a list exists. We will also let the Committee see the lists of names when they want.

g. Mr. Lawrence Houston will be the Agency member on the Inter-Agency Review Committee. The Agency's internal monitor on classification/declassification will be the Executive Director-Comptroller's Special Assistant for Information Control.

3. Memoranda of Commendation -- Mr. Coffey. We have received several notes of commendation. These include:

a. from Angus Thucrmer, a note on how helpful telephone central has been to the Director and the Office of the Director;

b. another note commended the Office of Communications for its skill and its dedicated performance in support of the last three, crucial days of the SALT negotiations; and

c. Mr. Charles Briggs, Director of PPB, sent a note expressing his appreciation for the Director of Communications' report on the Headquarters data grid. His appreciation was also extended to OL and to [redacted] the originator of the original study on a Headquarters data grid.

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4. Honor and Merit Awards -- Mr. Coffey.

a. Presentation of awards often do not occur until long after an award has been granted to an employee. This lag often occurs because a person is away from Headquarters at the time the award is granted.

b. Mr. Coffey said that "calendar crowding is not a problem up here." He noted that in an effort to save time, awardees have been grouped, at times, by Office or Career Service. We have found that -- occasionally -- this can demean an awards situation. It becomes a bit choppy when trying to make different awards all at once.

5. Women Students for AIS and Mid-Career Courses -- Mr. Coffey.

Mr. Coffey noted that he has had sessions with the current running of the above two courses. We do not have "many" professional women eligible to attend the two courses. We must consciously think in terms of those professional women employees we do have. We must remind ourselves of the women and other minority professional employees who are deserving of attending the AIS and/or the Mid-Career Course. Send them.

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6. Gate Badge Check -- Mr. Coffey.

Mr. Coffey provided some background to the more thorough badge check at the compound entrances. On a recent morning, the Director (in his car) came into the compound behind a car moving so fast that the guard could not get a thorough look at the driver's badge. Since there have been recent telephone calls threatening bombings at Headquarters, the Director would like to be assured that entry onto the compound and into the building is granted to only authorized persons. We do not want to have to evacuate the building needlessly.

7. Update: Appeal in the Marchetti Case -- Mr. Coffey.

There has been no decision yet in the appeal. Both defense and prosecution attorneys were tasked hard by an associate judge of the Appeals Court. The defense attorney was asked, "Did the Government have a right to protect itself?" The prosecution was asked, "Can the Government demonstrate why a contractual obligation should be superior to the First Amendment to the Constitution of the United States?" So we wait. The permanent injunction granted by the lower court still stands as of now.

8. Drug Issue -- Mr. Coffey.

a. Before a Congressional hearing, a Yale graduate student (Mr. McCoy) made assertions against the Agency, Air America, ambassadors, etc., concerning traffic in drugs in Southeast Asia. The Agency's Legislative Counsel was in attendance at the hearing to let the Committee, Foreign Operations Subcommittee of the Senate Appropriations Committee, know the Agency was interested. Mr. McCoy was challenged by members of the Committee.

b. The Director is "bound and determined in the matter of drugs to set the record right." The Agency is not involved nor does it condone trafficking in drugs -- anywhere. The Director suggested that Air America's management "stand up on their hind legs and scream -- for once." Mr. Velte did, then, issue a press release to the AP and UPI.

9. House Budget Hearings -- Mr. Coffey.

House budget hearings affecting the intelligence community and the Agency were held on 1 June 1972, as scheduled. Kudos were received. One Representative said that, "I have never heard as good a briefing as given that day." Messrs. Tweedy and [redacted] briefed the Congressional officials on the Intelligence Community budget portrait. Messrs. Colby and [redacted] handled the Agency budget presentation.

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10. Around the Table.

a. [redacted] said that a memo from the Signal Center would be coming out on ACT. Right now, only incoming messages have some different message handling information at the top of a cable, for example. ACT begins a six-week acceptance testing period next Monday, 12 June 1972. OC doesn't expect "everything" to go all right during the acceptance test.

b. Mr. Fisher reported some retirement statistics. OP's original FY 1972 retirement projection estimated 500 retirements (combined CSC and CIA). There are 219 retirement applications for the month of June 1972, with more still coming in (e.g., even cables from the field as late as this morning from people wanting out by 30 June 1972).

c. Dr. Tietjen said that OMS has been affected by the heavy retirement caseload for June (i.e., disability related retirements). Note: Mr. Coffey noted that the Director has recently commented on the numbers of people in the Agency who are too fat -- too heavy.

d. Mr. Wattles announced that retail prices for some items sold in the Agency's GSI-operated cafeterias would be going up. Five cent increases would be tacked onto the price of soup and desserts. Entree prices will remain the same. Buffet prices in the Rendezvous Room would also be going up five cents. GSI says that prices are being raised 75 days later than originally planned.

cc: Each attendee